

**OGC Has Reviewed**

HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS

Purchase of.

**SECRET**

18 August 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: Furnishing Houses Owned by  
CIA Overseas

1. The recommendation made in the attached file was discussed at an informal PRC meeting on Tuesday, August 16. It was the consensus at the meeting that the proposal was necessary and desirable, but that two questions remain to be answered.

2. First, whether it would be necessary to re-imburse State Department and, second, whether storage of personal belongings in this country would be paid for out of government funds. It has now been determined that re-imbursement to the Department is proper and necessary. No clear-cut answer has been received on the other question and, in accordance with the discussion at the meeting, it was recommended that a policy aiming to discourage transportation of personal effects would be carried out and that any claims for storage would be considered individually, the outcome to depend on the circumstances existing at the time the claim arises.

3. This office therefore sees no legal objection to approval by the Executive, under Section 8.0 of the Confidential Funds Regulations, of procurement of household furnishings as proposed in the memorandum from OSO dated 9 August 1949.

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Attachment: Background file

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cc: Chrono  
Subject  
Legal Decisions

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